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### The First Sign

Of failing health, whether in the form of Night Sweats and Nervousness, or in a sense of General Weariness and Loss of Appetite, should suggest the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This preparation is most effective for giving tone and strength to the debilitated system, promoting the digestion and assimilation of food, restoring the nervous forces to their normal condition, and for purifying, enriching, and vitalizing the blood.

#### Failing Health.

Ten years ago my health began to fail. I was troubled with a distressing Cough, Night Sweats, Weakness, and Nervousness. I tried various remedies prescribed by different physicians, but they did me no good. I could not go up stairs without stopping to rest. My friends recommended me to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which I did, and am now as healthy and strong as ever.—Mrs. E. L. Williams, Alexandria, Minn.

#### Dyspepsia Cured.

It would be impossible for me to describe what I suffered from indigestion and Headache up to the time I began taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I was under the care of various physicians and tried a great many kinds of medicines, but never obtained more than temporary relief. After taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla for a short time, my headache disappeared, and my stomach performed its duties more perfectly. To-day my health is completely restored.—Mary Hanley, Springfield, Mass.

I have been greatly benefited by the prompt use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It tones and invigorates the system, regulates the action of the digestive and assimilative organs, and vitalizes the blood. It is, without doubt, the most reliable blood purifier yet discovered.—H. D. Johnson, 383 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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**Pay Your Taxes.**

The taxes for 1886 are now due, and as the time for collection is short, it is necessary that tax-payers should come forward without delay. Office with Mills Bros., over Linn & Scruggs' store. Office hours, from 8 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. feb-22-87 **H. MAHANAH, Collector.**

**Gents' Silk Handkerchiefs,** ranging from 50¢ up to the finest imported make, at B. Stine's. d&w

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**SKINKING JACKETS,** a fine present for your husband, brother or future husband, on sale at reasonable prices, at B. Stine's. d&w

**The largest assortment of Boys' Knee Pants, ranging in price from \$1 to \$1.50 at B. Stine's.** d&w

**EXTRAORDINARY Bargains—Five Dollar Suits reduced to \$3.50. Four dollar suits to \$2.50. at Linn & Scruggs.** d&w

**SPENCER, LEHMAN & Co. sell the old reliable Peter Shuttler and Moline wagon.** feb-24-87

### A Reminiscence Ghost Story.

After the close of one of the lights I happened to pass a point occupied by some surgeons, and to which the wounded were being brought from the field. At the moment I reached there an ambulance stopped and a wounded man was being helped to the ground. As there seemed some difficulty in getting him out, I dismounted and assisted in lowering him from the ambulance and laying him in the ground. As we did so I caught sight of the wounded man's face, and at once recognized him as a printer named Sewell, who several years before had been in my employ in Duquoin, Iowa.

He was too weak to say anything. The surgeon examined his wound, and announced that he was shot through the body, and that he was mortally wounded, and could live but a few hours at the most. I staid a little while, then bade him good-by, and left, sending on his name in my next letter as mortally wounded.

Some four or five years after this incident, I was going east one night on Randolph street toward Clark. A tremendous thunder storm was raging; the rain fell in floods and every sound or law the lightning filled the night with a blinding glare. As I reached Clark street a more vivid flash than usual lighted up the scene, and just at that moment I ran against a man whose face was distinctly and instantly recognized as that of the long dead Sewell. For a moment I was half paralyzed at this sudden appearance of the dead, and then I exclaimed:

"What do you know, Sewell?"  
The dead man answered "Yes" in a tone that indicated life, and passed on in the storm and darkness. Twenty years later business called me to Lincoln, Neb., and some local journal noticed my arrival. A portly gentleman soon after called, and in his countenance I had no difficulty in seeing the old printer, the dying soldier, the ghost of the Chicago storm, and on whom I soon found to be one of the solid business men of Nebraska's capital.—"Pioneer" in Chicago Times.

### Mrs. Arp and the Signs.

Mrs. Arp knows all the signs. She does not believe in them, of course, for they have fooled her too often, but somehow when the sign betokens good it seems to cheer her up, and she sings around more happily. I sneezed this morning most heartily, and she said: "My nose itches and the game rooster crowed awhile ago on the front steps. Somehow I can't help looking for the case of the boys. I wouldn't be surprised if we had one of them to supper to-night, and she has been flying around all day fixing up things a little better. Poor woman! I am so sorry for her, and sorry for myself. Her older boys are scattered now, and some of them we rarely see. It costs money to come, and time is precious, and business is exacting, and so we have to take comfort with their letters and try to be content. It is hard on the mothers, very hard; and there should be a heaven for the reunion of families if for nothing more."

But all signs fail in dry weather and wet weather, too, and my opinion is that the nose knows nothing about it nor the rooster either, for the boy didn't come, and Mrs. Arp has been reading some magazine stories ever since she washed the dishes. I don't believe she is altogether out of hope yet, for a little while ago she said "hush" to the children and turned her eyes toward the front gate as if she heard something. I wish she was rich, so that she could go when she pleased and see her children and take me along to wait on her.—Bill Arp in Atlanta Constitution.

### Music's Power Over Ills.

It has been stated that ill-fits appear to most advantage when under the influence of music, and that there are very few cases which are unaffected thereby. Thus we are told how a new life is infused into these unfortunate persons by the harmony of sweet sounds; "all exhibit pleasure; some move their bodies in time to the air which is played, others sing after their own fashion; some even of the most torpid when looking on for some time as some of their associates companions dance, suddenly become animated, start up and dance in their own way."

Mr. Plot, in his "History of Staffordshire," relates the case of an old woman, changing to live within the sound of a clock, and always amusing himself with counting the hour of the day whenever the clock struck; the clock being spoiled by accident, the old man continued to strike and count the hour without the help of it, in the same manner as he had done when it was entire. Indeed, in mental cases music from the earliest period has been considered highly efficacious, and it is recorded how both Pythagoras and Xenocrates cured maniacs by melodious sounds. Coming down to modern times, much has been written on the subject, and the experiments of various kinds made with more or less success.—Gentleman's Magazine

### Sugar Sweetened to His Taste.

Another story is told of a groceryman of the street, old Yankee stock, who on several occasions was surprised to find sums of money in his sugar. Where it came from was a mystery. It may have been hidden by slaves for some purpose, but for what it would be hard to say. The storekeeper being too conscientious to keep the money without trying to find an owner, and likewise being very loath to give it up, he upon this plan to satisfy conscience and keep the money for good to the merchants of whom he purchased the goods he inquired whether they were responsible for the sticks and stones and things that were in the sugar. "No, sir," was the reply, "you must take the sugar just as we receive it. We are not responsible for anything in the barrels." It is needless to say that the storekeeper did not press the matter.—Boston Record.

### President Grexy and the Fairies.

President Grexy, of France, was found the other day reading a book of fairy tales. "You are collecting your mind," from the "Minister le President" observed the visitor. "Oh, not at all," was the reply. "I am obliged to read all these books. My grandchildren say she has had enough of the old stories, and so I must learn some new ones."—Chicago Herald

### An Oversight.

Rural Landlord (to guest)—By gum, mister, I forgot to tell you last night that that winter don't shed down close, and I see the snow's drifted in an' kivered yer clothes up. I'll be up in a minute with a shovel an' dig 'em out!—Pack

### Eyes of Venomous Snakes.

The eyes of poisonous snakes have been found by Dr. Benjamin Sharp to have elliptical pupils, while in the harmless species they are circular.

### During the past nine years 31,800 physicians have graduated from the medical colleges in this country.

**A Captain's Fortunate Discovery.**  
Captain Coleman, sear, Weymouth, plying between Atlantic City and New York, has been troubled with a cough so that he was unable to sleep, and was inclined to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It not only gave him instant relief, but allayed the extreme soreness in his breast. His children were similarly affected and a single dose had the same happy effect. Dr. King's New Discovery is now the standard remedy in the Coleman household and on board the schooner. Free trial bottles of this standard remedy at John A. Swearingen's drug store.

**Turn leader in all the leading styles of Boys' Suits—B. Stine.** d&w

## BOYS' KNEE PANTS.

We have placed on stock 300 Pairs of BOYS' KNEE PANTS, at a Great Bargain.

The above Pants were made from remnants of fine Cassimeres, worth from \$2.00 to \$3.50 per yard in the Piece.

Our Prices Range from  
**\$1.00 TO \$1.65,**

considerably less than first cost of material.

Come early, as they will soon be gone.

**B. STINE,**

The Reliable Clothier.

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The Magnificent Line of

**NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS,**

Just Placed on Sale

**AT  
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NEW YORK STORE.**

Our Special Offering for this week is 1400 yards of 38 and 40 inch all-wool French Serge, at the remarkably low price of 49 cents per yard, in every desirable shade.

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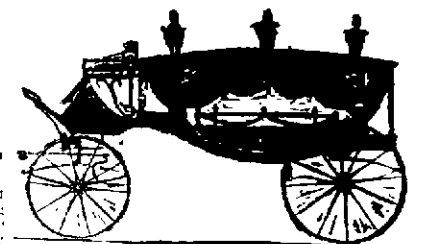
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J. B. Bullard will always keep in stock the best of everything pertaining to the funeral business, with cheap prices to customers. He makes a specialty of embalming and preserving the features of the dead. Do not fail to advise J. B. Bullard when requiring service in his line. The best hearse and carriages always ready for prompt service at low prices. An attendant is on duty night and day, and all orders for burials will receive prompt attention.  
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**Redemption Notice.**  
To George Priest, or Whom it may Concern:  
You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and townships for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, in the county of Marion and State of Illinois, on the 30th day of June, A. D. 1887, for the taxes for the year, 1886, J. M. CLOKEY, of the city of Decatur, Ill., has purchased the following described land, to-wit: Lot one (1) and the north half of lot four (4), all in block five (5) of Reed & Co.'s Addition to the city of Decatur, taxed in the name of George Priest, and that the time of redemption therefrom from said sale will expire on the 30th day of June, A. D. 1887.  
J. M. CLOKEY, Assignee.

**A Card.**  
A. J. Roe, M. D., office over postoffice, is the only physician in Decatur who devotes his entire attention to chronic diseases. Specialties—diseases of the eye and ear, throat and nose, rheumatism, neuralgia, painful and nervous diseases. Electric treatment at the office 50 cents per treatment. At home special reduced rates given. Cancers, ulcers, tumors and piles cured without the use of the knife or detention from business. A cure guaranteed. Consultation free. Best of city references given.  
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**A LIMITED quantity of the Magic Carpet Sweepers, for One Dollar only, at Linn & Scruggs.** d&w

**The largest and best selected stock of farm machinery in central Illinois, at Spencer, Lehman & Co.** feb-24-87

**PERMANENTLY, handsome and cheap just received, at Linn & Scruggs.** d&w







We would invite all who wish to have the Correct Time to set their clocks and watches by our Regulator.

If your children are late to school, if you miss the trains, and find you must have the correct time, remember we are the only place in the city besides the Western Union Telegraph Office, that ALWAYS HAVE ABSOLUTELY the Correct Standard time for this District.

Telephone us or call and get the CORRECT time.

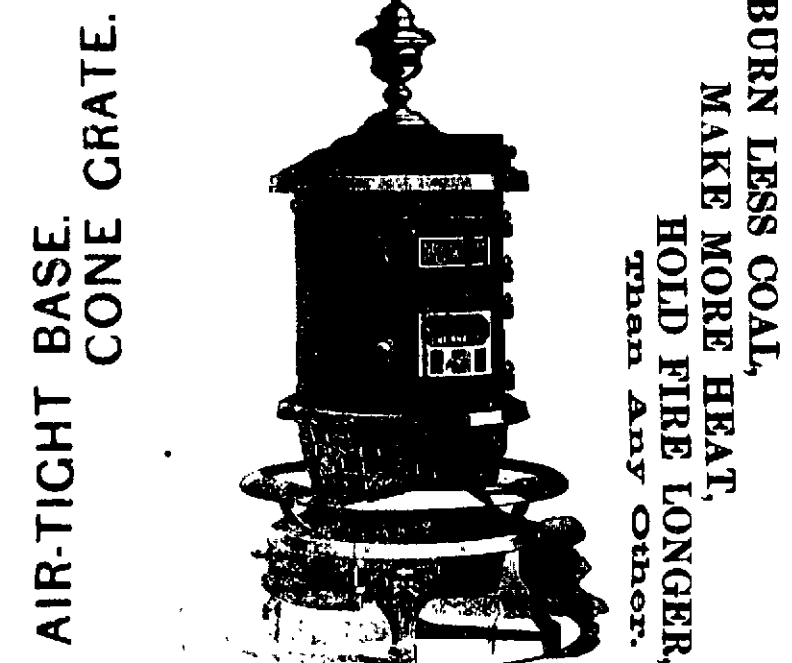
OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.

TELEPHONE NO. 175.

This is to certify that Otto E. Curtis & Bro. have the only telegraphic communication in this city with the "Washington Observatory." The wires and instruments were put in by and are under the control and supervision of the Western Union Telegraph Co. The time received by them is the LEGAL and authorized time for this (Central) district. They receive the time every day at ten o'clock.

J. J. CHADDICK, Manager.

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"ROUND + OAK"  
And the New  
"MONITOR + OAK"  
Are the Best Soft Coal Stoves Made.



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The Genuine Round Oak is Sold Only by  
FERGUSON & DILLEHUNT.

NEW STORE!  
+NEW GOODS!  
BOOTS, SHOES AND RUBBERS.

The New Shoe Store, 117 North Water street, is now open and solicits a call. We carry a fine and medium line of Ladies' Misses' and Children's Shoes; also Men's, Boys' and Youths' Boots and Shoes, from the best manufacturers in the East. Every article warranted as represented. If you chose to bring back the goods uninjured we will return the money. We have come to stay, and solicit a share of your patronage.

FITTING DIFFICULT FEET A SPECIALTY.  
I. B. MASSEY,  
117 North Water St., Decatur, Ill.  
Sign of the Big Shoe.

DAILY REPUBLICAN.

TO THE  
GARDENERS

AND  
All Others Interested.

We invite you to call and get a Catalogue and inspect our Complete Line of

SEEDS  
DINGES & COOP.

SATURDAY EVE., FEB. 25, 1887.

LOCAL NEWS.

MAJOLICA WARE: Special bargains in this line of ware at

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & CO.

\$300.00 to loan - George Brown.

BARKETT Wednesday night

Irish fun and songs to-night.

SUNDAY evening Rev. Mrs. Gibb will

talk on "Why Do We Weep?"

The Choir boys will sing at St. John's

church Sunday morning and evening.

The infant son of Representative Mos-

sick died yesterday, aged three months.

The cold wave was a little late. It

came howling down upon us this morn-

ing.

FANNIE MILLS' big shoe in the window

at the Muesey store is inspected by scores

of people daily.

SEND orders by telephone to Nieder-

meier's cash grocery store on the mound.

Hos. JESSIE W. FEEL, died at Bloom-

ington yesterday in the 79th year of his age.

His illness continued through nearly a

year.

ALWAYS ask for Shellabarger & Co's

White Loaf and Daily Bread flour.

A QUAKER named William Hayworth is

written up as the first settler of Pitt

county. He came from Tennessee and

settled near Monticello in 1823. The

first store was opened in 1841.

The infant child of James Dunn, of

Bonnet, was buried at the Catholic cem-

etery yesterday. The child died of bron-

chitis.

On the evening of March 21st the pupils

of the Decatur High School will

give an entertainment at the opera

house, proceeds for the benefit of the

school library fund.

LEAVE your orders for family groceries

and Nickel butter at Smith & Son's store,

733 North Water street.

THERE is nothing in the Black Crook

to offend ladies. The famous specta-

cular drama draws lady audiences every-

where, and there will be plenty of ladies

present on Tuesday evening.

FAMILY groceries and fruits to suit you

at best prices at Hanks & Patterson's

store, 143 South Water street.

FRANK BARLOW, the man who while

drunk was badly frozen near Monticello

last week, will probably die in a few

days. He had both of his feet amputa-

ted. That was a costly drink for Bar-

low.

CHARLES VERNER and his company are

at the St. Nicholas. Irish comedy to-

night.

NEVER miss an opportunity to see a

great artist in a great play. It is safe to

say that Decatur was never before favored

as fine an entertainment as the one

announced for next Wednesday evening.

Lawrence Barrett and his excellent com-

pany in "Francesca da Rimini."

Stop at Knoke & Oakman's new gro-

cery store on Water street and order sup-

plies. All orders promptly filled.

Most of the people at Stapp's Chapel

last evening were turned out during a

hard rain without an umbrella, gasom-  
over shoes, and some of them doubt-

less were very wet when they reached their houses.

PARTIES wanting hay should see Col.

Mahone, or leave orders at Hanks & Pat-

erson's grocery store, 143 South Water street.

225-427

THERE will be a Bible meeting at the

U. B. Church every Thursday evening,

conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Hutchinson.

Don't forget, Powers & Haworth do all

kinds of repairing, and work that can be

done only by the Bradbury machine.

Half-soles and patching. feb22-46

EVANS and Grant Cussins will have a

hearing before Justice Lowry next Tues-

day on a charge of riot, caused by their

improper acts at the Stapp's Chapel re-

vival Thursday night. Failing to give

\$500 bail each, they were committed to

the county jail for safe-keeping.

THE best of Vienna bread, buns, rolls,

fruits and groceries every day at J. Lytle

& Co.'s handy store in Opera block.

ALMOST miraculous are some of the

cures accomplished by the use of Ayer's

Sarsaparilla. In the case of R. L. King,

Richmond, Va., who suffered for 47 years

with an aggravated form of scrofula,

Ayer's Sarsaparilla effected astonishing

cures.

NEXT Tuesday evening the great and

ever popular "spectacular drama," "The

Black Crook," undoubtedly the grandest

spectacle ever put upon the stage, pro-

duced in a style of grandeur and magni-

ficence never before attempted. Billed

by four premier danseuses. "Twenty-five

new and superb scenes are used in this

the grandest and most enchanting play

on earth. Monitors & Baker manage the

troupe.

CALIFORNIA EXCURSION.

February 18th and March 15th, the

Union Central Railroad will sell excu-

sion tickets to San Francisco and Los

Angeles, Cal., at \$75.00 for the round

trip, tickets good going via New Orleans

and the Southern Pacific, and returning

by any of the direct lines. Tickets limit-

ed to six months from date of sale.

Dec 8 C. F. HILDEBR. T. K. Ag't.

FINE Jersey Caps at 10c at St. Bine's.

RED UNDERWEAR at a sacrifice at

Cheap Charley's.

MARRIED 54 YEARS.

Family Reunion and Dinner on

East Wood Street.

The 54th marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davidson, who have lived in old Macon county since 1832, was delightfully celebrated to-day at No. 322 E. Wood street, the residence of their son, Geo. W. Davidson, whose pleasure it is to make their declining years pleasant and comfortable. The celebration took the form of a family reunion and dinner. The occasion was in every respect one of enjoyment.

The children and relatives present were Mrs. A. A. Stockhouse and daughter, Miss Olie, of Long Creek; Mrs. Lucy E. Foster and children, Cora Yelva, George and Thomas, of Mt. Zion; Mrs. Linda Travis and children, Zelma, Clayton and babe, of Mt. Zion; W. J. Applegate, of Marion; Frank Tinkler, wife and child, of Prairie Hill, Ill.; Theo. Davidson, of Long Creek.

Thomas Davidson is in the 80th year of his age, and his life companion is 75. Mr. D. came here from South Carolina 55 years ago and is one of the oldest living settlers of the county. He located near Mt. Zion and engaged in farming pursuits. To the aged couple were born 12 children. They have 35 grandchildren. The dinner was complete in all its appointments, and began at one o'clock this afternoon.

The children presented their parents with a fine collection of gifts, mementoes of the anniversary and tokens of love.

In Chicago strawberries have appeared in the market. They sell at \$1.25 a box. How many do you want?

To-day D. R. Alexander, who has had his office over B. Stine's clothing store for nearly ten years, vacated the apartments and took possession of rooms on the second floor of the knitting factory building on North street. Mr. Stine will use the entire second floor of his building for the display of his extensive stock of clothing, giving him practically a double store.

The stockholders of the Decatur Coal Mining Company will probably hold a special meeting in the course of two or three weeks, when important action will doubtless be taken. All of the stockholders are now in Decatur, except H. W. Hill who has 250 shares. He is at Hot Springs, Ind. His stock will be voted by proxy, probably by W. C. Armstrong.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Will Wood will probably remain in Chicago several months.

Hunter Milliken is in New York con-

tinued with a bank.

Thomas Lord was in the city last even-

ing.

Frank Jack has charge of the general

delivery window at the postoffice.

Mrs. Com Race has returned to Chi-

cago.

Senator Johns is home from Sprin-

field to remain over Sunday.

Mrs. Ellen Fletcher has been at Marion

visiting her brother, Bailey, Trowbridge.

William Barton, of Mexico, Mo., is in

the city visiting his sister, Mrs. P. A. Le-

force.

H. C. Mowry, of Forsyth, had business

in the circuit clerk's office yesterday,

filing documents.

W. C. Dennis, of Greensburg, Ind., was

in the city to-day, visiting J. B. Bren-

nan. Mr. D. is a son of a veteran.

Captain R. P. Lytle, ex-postmaster, is

in Kansas City, Mo., where he may en-

gage in business.

Dr. Harpel, accompanied by his daugh-

ter, Mrs. J. P. Stanwood, left last night

for Cincinnati. They will be absent sev-

eral weeks.

Charles W. Montgomery, of this city,

and Miss Helma Hitchcock, lately a

member of the Decatur Musical College

faculty, will be married at Hinkley, Ill.,

on next Wednesday evening.

Supervisor H. W. Davis, proprietor of

the Palace Hotel, left this morning for

Albert Lee, in southern Minnesota, on a

business trip. It is rumored that Mr.

Davis contemplates retiring from busi-

ness in Decatur, and that he may lo-

cate in Minnesota.

Marion News. Hon. John H. Crocker,

of this city, has just been elected grand

treasurer of the grand council of Royal

Templars of Temperance. Their annual

meeting occurred last week at Paxton.

This is an honor world-wide bestowed, and

we are sure the duties of the office will

be filled in a highly acceptable manner.

To-night "Shamus O'Brien, the bould

boy of Glendale," will sing and dance at

the opera house in the person of the

Irish comedian, Charles Verner, who will

be supported by a clever company.

The papers continue to elate about

Decatur. The Champion Gazette says:

"Our neighboring city of Decatur should

be a very desirable place to live. During

the past eight or ten winters enormous

revivals have been held there, and the

papers have reported about an average

of about a thousand conversions. Last

winter Harrison scored fifteen hundred

from ways of sin, and just a few days ago

a grand jubilee was held over one thou-

sand sinners saved this year. Decatur

is a much converted town, or else

there are an awful number of backslid-

ers. Some grapes. Campaign needs a revival

to make her great.

REV. COULTAS preached at Sargent

Chapel last night, and the church was

well filled. At the close of the services

the names of 19 persons were taken for

church membership. Preaching there

Sunday evening.

MR. BARKETT carries a double, male

quartette, consisting of two first tenors,

two second tenors, two first basses and

two second basses. Nothing is left un-

done to make the performances given by

him grand in every particular.

A PURGATIVE medicine should possess

tonic and curative, as well as cathartic

properties. This combination of ingre-

redients may be found in Ayer's Pills.

They strengthen and stimulate the bow-

els, causing natural action.

Sale of Seats for Barrett.

The sale of seats for the eminent tra-

gedian, Lawrence Barrett, and his great

company, in "Francesca da Rimini," will

begin at Prescott's music store on

Monday morning, February 28th, at 8

o'clock. No one person will be allowed

to take more than eight seats at one time

until after the first hour's sale. The

prices are: Reserved seats \$1.50; admis-

sion, lower floor, \$1.00; reserved seats in

gallery, 75 cents; admission, gallery, 50

cents.

RED UNDERWEAR at a sacrifice at

Cheap Charley's.

Caught by the Law.

Detective W. H. Ballard, of the Wash-  
bush, got home last evening from Defi-  
ance, Ohio, where he made an important  
capture of thieves who had been system-  
atically plundering goods from Wash-  
bush cars-taking various grades of goods  
and storing them away in a house, which  
Ballard had the good luck to discover.  
It was occupied by Jacob Member and  
his son, Peter, and both were arrested  
and jailed in default of heavy bonds.  
The stolen goods recovered embrace 13  
pairs of rubber boots, 13 pairs of ladies'  
fine shoes, two sacks of coffee, and 704  
other articles of merchandise. The father  
and son stole a barrel of whisky, and  
they were detected while trying to get  
away with the liquor. They attempted  
to burn the barrel, but Ballard got to  
the house in time to rescue part of the  
barrel from the flames, enough to nail  
the crime on the pair. Perhaps some  
Decatur merchants have lost goods stolen  
by these thieves. The Washbush has  
an inventory of the articles recovered.

He Was Not At the Ball.

Hon. J. R. Gorin has the following self-  
explanatory card in the Chicago Tribune

of to-day:  
DECATUR, Ill., Feb. 24. [Editor of the  
Tribune.] I am a constant reader of  
your paper. I notice in your issue of  
yesterday a report of a charity ball given  
by the Knights Templar of Chicago, in  
the interest of some charitable insti-  
tution in your city, and that among those  
present on the occasion my name is men-  
tioned. In these days of wonderful  
things it might possibly be that I was  
present on the occasion referred to, when  
I donated a seat. I am, however, in this  
city attending a glorious revival of  
religion. I do not know how my name  
came to be given among those present on  
the occasion referred to, and in order to  
place myself in a proper position, I  
write you, I desire to say, through your  
paper that I not only did not attend the  
ball referred to, but that I never attend  
any such places, at home or abroad, even  
if I did not care to give myself or my  
name to the public gaze of charity. I  
am a Methodist, and a true Methodist  
can attend a ball or dancing party with-  
out becoming a moral perverter. Our  
discipline forbids such things, and every



at the collector's office at the city clerk's office within thirty days from the date hereof.  
 Dated this 9th day of February, A. D. 1887.  
 F. C. BEITZER, Collector.

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